REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 68-70, 73, 74, 76, 79, 85-90, 95, 96 and 102 are pending. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 68-70, 73, 74, 76, 85, 87-90, 95, 96 and 102, will be pending. Claims 79 and 86 have been further canceled above, without prejudice and claim 85 amended to clearly be supported by an adequate written description and to advance prosecution by obviating the only remaining rejection. Written description support for claim 85 is provided, for example, on page 19, lines 9-11 of the specification ("Vaccinia is also very much preferred since it allows the expression of E1 and E2 proteins of HCV in cells or individuals which are immunized with the live recombinant vaccinia virus."). The claims are submitted to be supported by an adequate written description. Entry of the present Amendment and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 79, 85 and 86 are requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required.

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